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**Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2015**  
September 2020. Provisional data

**The monthly variation of the Retail Trade Index at constant prices is -0.3% after seasonal and calendar adjustment**

**The annual rate of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stands at -3.3% in the seasonal and calendar adjusted series and at -2.1% in the original series**

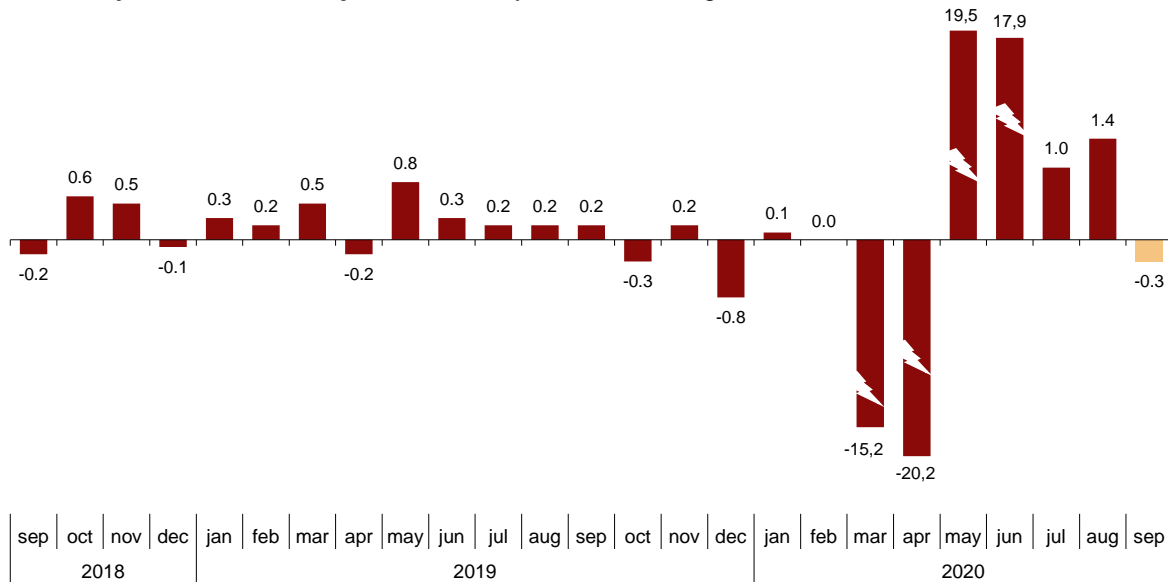
**Main results**

- Retail sales are down 0.3% in September compared to August. This decrease is generalized across all products, except *Personal Equipment* (which rises 2.3%) and Food (0.0%). *Home Equipment* (-3.7%) decreased the most.
- For distribution modes, both *chains Large chains* and *Supermarkets* grew 0.1% compared with August. Sales in other modes fell by 0.9%.
- Compared to September of last year, retail trade registered a decrease of 3.3%. *Large chains* (2.4%) was the only mode that grew in the annual rate.
- The continuance of telecommuting in companies and the decline in tourism continued to cause *Service Station* sales levels to be lower than those of a year ago. In September they registered an annual rate of -9.2%.
- By products, *Personal equipment* had the greatest decrease (with an annual rate of -19.2%), while *Home equipment* registered the greatest increase (8.2%).
- *Online* commerce showed an annual increase of 28.7% and a rate of -9.2% compared to August.
- The communities that are the most dependent on tourism suffered the greatest decreases in retail sales, with annual rates of -16.5% in Illes Balears and -13.9% in Canarias. Employment was likewise affected in these communities, especially in Illes Balears, with an annual rate of -8.5%.

**Monthly trend of sales in retail trade**

The monthly variation of the seasonally and calendar adjusted general Retail Trade Index (RTI) at constant prices between the months of September and August, stood at  $-0.3\%$ . This rate was 1.7 points lower than the previous month.

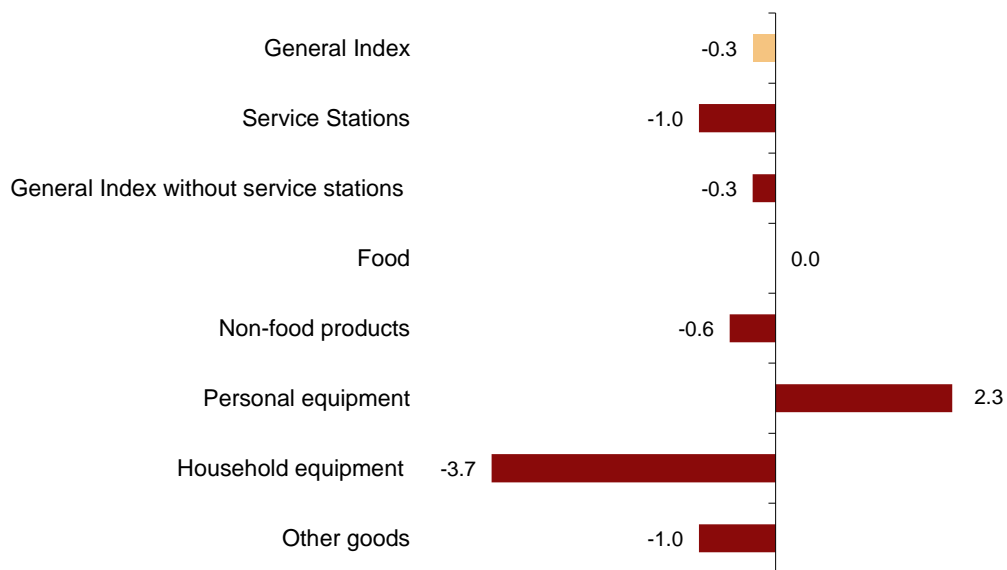
**General Retail Trade Index at constant prices**  
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage



The general index, excluding service stations, recorded a monthly rate of  $-0.3\%$ .

By products, *Food* remained the same ( $0.0\%$ ) and *Non-food products* declined by  $0.6\%$ . If the latter is broken down by type of product, *Household equipment* decreased the most ( $-3.7\%$ ).

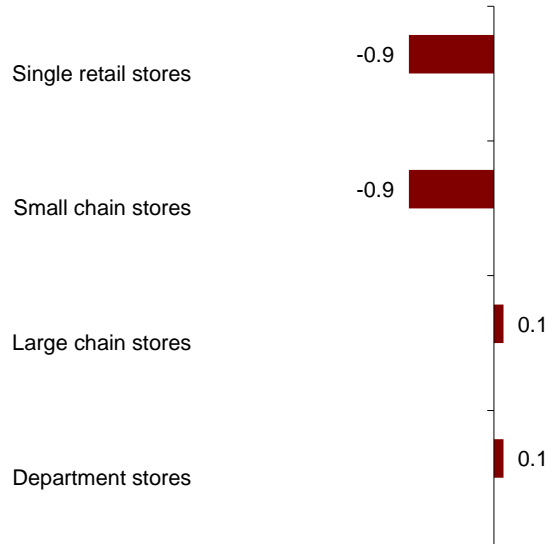
**Sales indices at constant prices: General and by type of products**  
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. September 2020. Monthly rate. Percentage



By distribution modes, sales at *Large chains* and *Supermarkets* increased by 0.1% compared to the previous month. On the contrary, *Single retail stores* and *Small chains* decreased by 0.9%.

**Sales indices at constant prices by distribution type**

Seasonally and calendar adjusted. September 2020. Monthly rate. Percentage



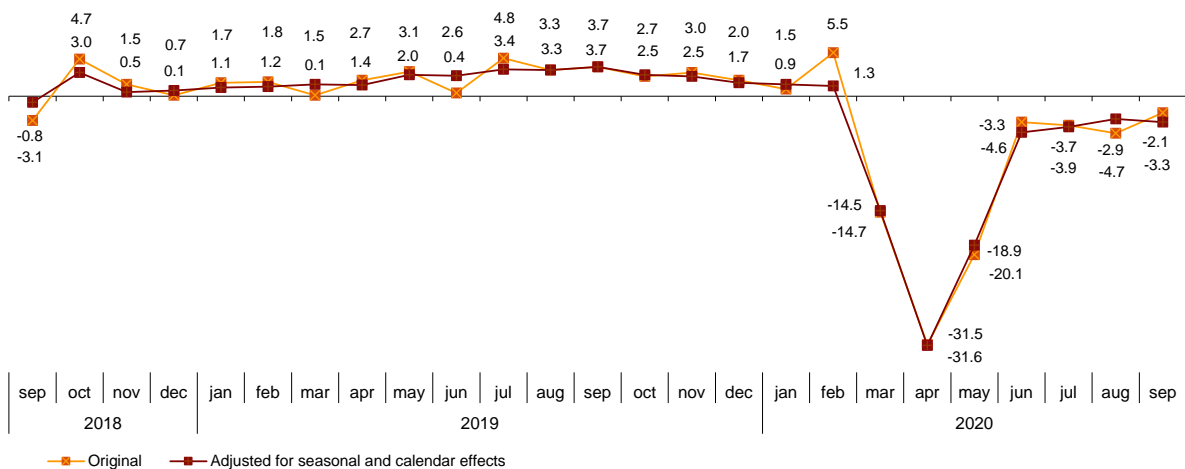
**Annual trend of sales in retail trade**

In September, the General Retail Trade Index, once adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects, registered a variation of -3.3% as compared with the same month of the previous year. This rate was four tenths lower than the one registered in August.

The original RTI series at constant prices registered an annual variation of -2.1%, this rate was 2.6 points above the rate of the previous month.

**Retail Trade General Index at constant prices**

Annual rates. Percentage



The seasonally and calendar adjusted index excluding service stations registered an annual variation of -3.0% in September. If these sales are broken down by type of product, *Food* decreased by 2.7%, and *Non-food products* by 3.1%.

**Retail trade sector sales. Annual rates at constant prices  
September 2020**

	Original index	Seasonally and calendar adjusted index
	Annual rate (%)	Annual rate (%)
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	-2.1	-3.3
Service stations	-8.4	-9.2
General Index without service stations	-1.6	-3.0
- Food	-1.3	-2.7
- Non-food products	-1.6	-3.1
- Personal equipment	-18.1	-19.2
- Household equipment	11.5	8.2
- Other goods	-0.6	-2.2
<b>Distribution class</b>		
- Single retail stores	-4.2	-5.6
- Small chain stores	-12.7	-14.5
- Large chain stores	4.2	2.4
- Department stores	1.4	-0.7

**Trade in food and other goods by distribution types**

By distribution modes, sales at *Small chains* (-12.7%), and *Single retail stores* (-4.2%) decreased compared to September of the previous year, while sales at *Large chains* (4.2%) and *Supermarkets* (1, 4%) increased.

By products, the behaviour of the different distribution modes was similar.

Food grew in *Supermarkets* (4.3%) and *Large chains* (3.9%), while it decreased in *Single retail stores* (-9.4%) and *Small chains* (-9.2%).

On the other hand, sales of the *rest* of goods suffered the greatest decrease in *Small chains* (-14.1%), while it increased the most in *Large chains* (3.6%).

**Annual sales rates by distribution class  
Unadjusted**

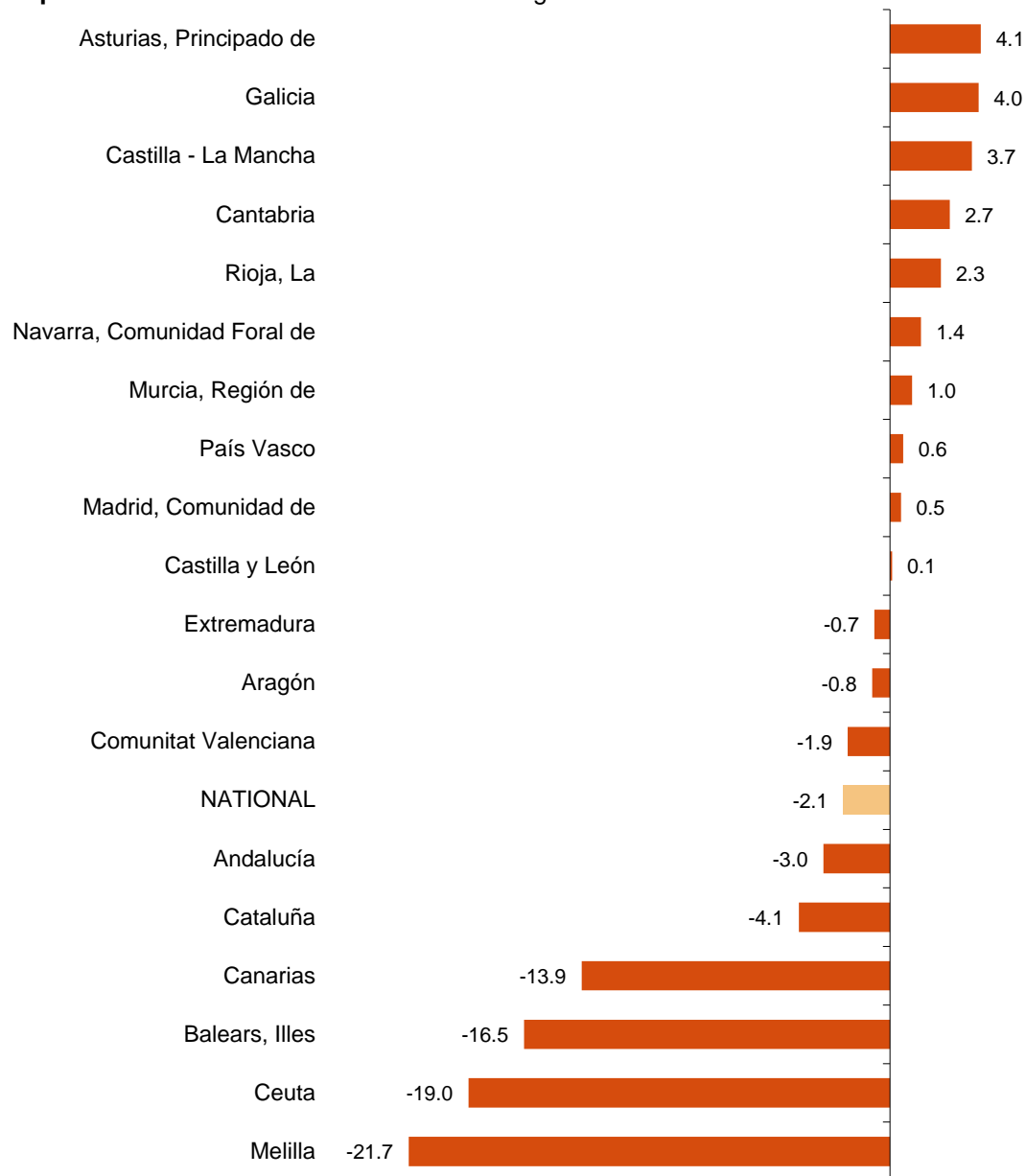
	Annual rate (%)			Deflated annual rate (%)		
	General	Food	Non-food products	General	Food	Non-food products
General without service stations	-1.0	0.8	-2.3	-1.6	-1.3	-1.6
<b>Distribution class</b>						
- Single retail stores	-3.6	-7.5	-1.5	-4.2	-9.4	-0.8
- Small chain stores	-12.2	-7.2	-14.8	-12.7	-9.2	-14.1
- Large chain stores	4.8	6.1	2.9	4.2	3.9	3.6
- Department stores	2.0	6.5	0.0	1.4	4.3	0.7

**Results by Autonomous Community. Annual rates of sales. Original series**

Sales decreased in the annual rate in seven Autonomous Communities in September and increased in 10.

Apart from Ceuta and Melilla, Illes Balears (-16.5%) and Canarias (-13.9%) presented the greatest decreases. In turn, Principado de Asturias (-41.8%) and Galicia (4.0%) registered the largest increases.

**General indices: national and by Autonomous City and Community**  
**September 2020.** Annual sales rate. Percentage



## Employment trend

In September, the employment index in the retail trade sector registered a variation of  $-3.0\%$  as compared to the same month of 2019. This rate was three tenths above that recorded in August. Employment decreased by  $-4.9\%$  in *Service stations*.

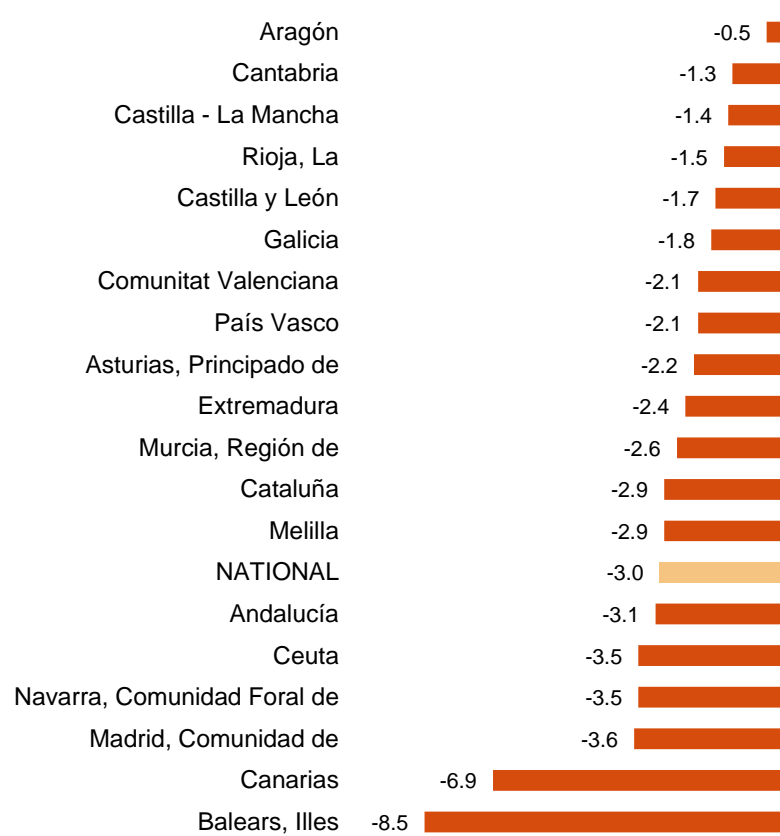
## Employment indices: General and by distribution type September 2020

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	101.7	-1.0	-3.0	-2.1
Service stations	105.1	-1.1	-4.9	-2.6
General Index without service stations	101.6	-1.0	-3.0	-2.1
- Single retail stores	98.0	-0.6	-3.5	-2.5
- Small chain stores	93.9	-1.0	-7.4	-5.9
- Large chain stores	114.9	-1.1	0.1	1.4
- Department stores	103.0	-2.1	-0.7	-2.2

## Results by Autonomous Community. Annual employment rate

Employment in retail trade decreased in Autonomous Communities in the annual rate. Illes Balears registered the greatest decrease ( $-8.5\%$ ).

## General indices: national and by Autonomous Communities and Cities September 2020. Annual employment rate. Percentage



## Revisions and update of data

On the press release day, INE has updated RTI data series corresponding to the last three months. In the case of calendar adjusted and seasonally and calendar adjusted series, according to INE standard, series are revised since its beginning. Results are available on INEbase.

## Methodological note

The main objective of the Retail Trade Indices (RTI) is to ascertain the fundamental characteristics of the companies engaged in retail trade in Spain, which make it possible to measure, in the short term, the trend of activity in the sector.

**Survey type:** continuous monthly survey.

**Base year:** 2015.

**Population scope:** companies whose main activity is included within division 47 of the CNAE-2009 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles.

**Geographical scope:** the whole country.

**Sample size:** Approximately 12.000 companies.

**Type of sampling:** stratified random sampling.

**Collection method:** fill in a questionnaire by the respondent using one of the following methods: internet (IRIA system), e-mail, fax, telephone or by post.

Further information is available in the methodology:

[http://www.ine.es/en/daco/daco43/notaccm15\\_en.pdf](http://www.ine.es/en/daco/daco43/notaccm15_en.pdf)

And in the standardised methodological report:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30103>

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## Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2015

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### 1. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Seasonally and calendar adjusted

	Index	Rate (%)			Deflated index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	106.3	-0.3	-4.6	-9.5	105.3	-0.3	-3.3	-8.5
Service stations	90.2	-2.6	-20.2	-26.9	94.2	-1.0	-9.2	-20.7
<b>General Index without service stations</b>	108.1	-0.2	-2.5	-7.4	105.7	-0.3	-3.0	-7.3
- Food	110.3	0.2	-0.9	2.0	102.3	0.0	-2.7	-0.2
- Non-food products	106.6	-0.5	-3.9	-14.8	109.1	-0.6	-3.1	-13.1
- Personal equipment	90.5	2.4	-18.4	-30.2	87.0	2.3	-19.2	-30.9
- Household equipment	126.8	-3.7	8.6	-7.8	125.5	-3.7	8.2	-8.2
- Other goods	104.6	-0.8	-2.8	-8.6	106.9	-1.0	-2.2	-6.7
<b>Distribution class</b>								
- Single retail stores	99.2	-0.9	-5.1	-10.1	97.0	-0.9	-5.6	-10.0
- Small chain stores	93.3	-0.7	-14.0	-19.0	91.2	-0.9	-14.5	-19.0
- Large chain stores	123.2	0.2	3.0	1.9	120.5	0.1	2.4	2.0
- Department stores	110.3	0.1	-0.1	-10.9	107.6	0.1	-0.7	-10.8

### 2. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Calendar adjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	103.1	-4.5	-9.5	102.2	-3.6	-8.5
Service stations	90.3	-20.2	-27.3	94.1	-9.2	-20.6
<b>General Index without service stations</b>	104.1	-2.6	-7.3	102.6	-3.1	-7.2
- Food	107.9	-0.8	2.1	100.5	-2.7	-0.2
- Non-food products	101.1	-3.9	-14.6	104.6	-3.3	-12.7
- Personal equipment	79.9	-18.3	-29.6	80.1	-19.1	-29.3
- Household equipment	123.2	9.2	-7.3	122.2	8.8	-7.7
- Other goods	103.1	-3.1	-8.5	106.6	-2.4	-6.5
<b>Distribution class</b>						
- Single retail stores	97.2	-5.4	-10.1	95.9	-5.9	-10.0
- Small chain stores	89.7	-13.8	-19.1	88.4	-14.3	-19.0
- Large chain stores	118.8	3.0	1.8	117.1	2.4	2.0
- Department stores	103.1	0.8	-10.2	101.7	0.4	-10.1



### 3. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Unadjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	103.5	-3.0	-9.3	102.6	-2.1	-8.2
Service stations	90.5	-19.6	-27.2	94.3	-8.4	-20.4
General Index without service stations	104.5	-1.0	-7.1	103.0	-1.6	-7.0
- Food	108.3	0.8	2.4	100.9	-1.3	0.1
- Non-food products	101.5	-2.3	-14.4	105.0	-1.6	-12.5
- Personal equipment	80.1	-17.3	-29.4	80.3	-18.1	-29.0
- Household equipment	123.9	11.9	-7.0	122.9	11.5	-7.4
- Other goods	103.5	-1.3	-8.3	107.1	-0.6	-6.3
Distribution class						
- Single retail stores	97.7	-3.6	-9.9	96.3	-4.2	-9.8
- Small chain stores	90.1	-12.2	-18.8	88.8	-12.7	-18.7
- Large chain stores	119.2	4.8	1.8	117.6	4.2	1.9
- Department stores	103.4	2.0	-10.0	101.9	1.4	-9.8
- Food	103.3	6.5	8.9	96.2	4.3	6.3
- Non-food products	103.4	0.0	-18.0	106.9	0.7	-16.1

### 4. Sales indices: National and by Autonomous City and Community Unadjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	103.5	-3.0	-9.3	102.6	-2.1	-8.2
Andalucía	102.7	-3.7	-10.0	102.2	-3.0	-9.1
Aragón	103.7	-2.1	-9.2	103.4	-0.8	-7.7
Asturias, Principado de	103.3	3.0	-6.5	103.4	4.1	-4.9
Balears, Illes	101.9	-17.3	-18.0	101.6	-16.5	-17.0
Canarias	89.3	-13.4	-15.5	87.5	-13.9	-15.8
Cantabria	103.8	1.7	-6.9	102.5	2.7	-5.8
Castilla y León	100.7	-1.2	-9.2	99.7	0.1	-7.9
Castilla - La Mancha	109.7	2.2	-5.8	109.1	3.7	-4.4
Cataluña	96.5	-5.2	-11.8	94.6	-4.1	-10.5
Comunitat Valenciana	104.4	-2.5	-7.9	104.5	-1.9	-6.8
Extremadura	95.9	-1.1	-8.4	95.7	-0.7	-7.6
Galicia	109.9	3.1	-4.6	109.4	4.0	-3.5
Madrid, Comunidad de	115.0	-0.6	-6.8	113.9	0.5	-5.5
Murcia, Región de	106.6	0.0	-9.6	107.0	1.0	-8.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	105.8	-0.1	-9.4	104.7	1.4	-8.0
País Vasco	102.8	0.0	-5.9	101.1	0.6	-5.1
Rioja, La	105.9	0.5	-6.8	105.9	2.3	-5.3
Ceuta	77.9	-19.3	-17.9	77.6	-19.0	-17.2
Melilla	80.6	-21.9	-21.4	79.7	-21.7	-21.0

## 5. Employment Indices: General and by distribution type

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		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
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## 6. Employment Indices: National and by Autonomous City and Community

	Index	Rate (%)		
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NATIONAL	101.7	-1.0	-3.0	-2.1
Andalucía	98.8	-0.8	-3.1	-2.4
Aragón	102.9	-0.8	-0.5	-0.6
Asturias, Principado de	103.8	-0.7	-2.2	-2.3
Baleares, Illes	105.7	-2.3	-8.5	-6.6
Canarias	101.0	-1.2	-6.9	-3.9
Cantabria	101.5	-2.2	-1.3	-1.6
Castilla y León	102.6	-1.2	-1.7	-1.2
Castilla - La Mancha	101.0	-0.4	-1.4	-1.5
Cataluña	100.9	-1.4	-2.9	-1.8
Comunitat Valenciana	106.4	-1.4	-2.1	-1.2
Extremadura	100.4	-0.5	-2.4	-1.8
Galicia	101.8	-1.5	-1.8	-1.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	102.0	-0.1	-3.6	-2.4
Murcia, Región de	103.1	-0.5	-2.6	-2.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	100.3	-0.8	-3.5	-2.6
País Vasco	101.2	-0.5	-2.1	-1.1
Rioja, La	104.6	-0.6	-1.5	-0.6
Ceuta	100.3	-0.4	-3.5	-2.0
Melilla	100.4	-0.5	-2.9	-2.2